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## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of claims:</u>

1. (previously presented) A raise bore drilling and lining apparatus for creation of a borehole comprising:

a raise boring drill for boring a raise into a pilot hole using a drill string to create a bore hole; a reamer head affixed to one end of said drill string, a spreader assembly affixed to said reamer head for distributing a liner material on the wall of said bore hole during operation of said reamer head; and a material supply connected to said spreader assembly to supply said liner material thereto.

- 2. (original) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said material supply includes a duct extending axially along said drill string.
- 3. (original) Apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said spreader assembly includes a plate rotatable relative to said reamer head.
- 4. (original) Apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said plate is rotatable by a motor located within said spreader assembly.
- 5. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said motor is driven by fluid supplied through said drill string.
- 6. (original) Apparatus according to claim 5 wherein said liner material is supplied by a pair of ducts, each carrying a respective component of said liner material.
- 7. (original) Apparatus according to claim 6 wherein each of said ducts is connected to a respective reservoir within said spreader assembly.

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8. (original) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said reservoirs are connected to respective pipes to deliver material within said reservoir to said plate.

- 9. (previously presented) A reamer assembly for use with a raise bore drilling and lining apparatus, said reamer assembly including a reamer head, a spreader assembly secured to said reamer head for movement therewith and for distributing a liner material on the wall of said bore hole during operation thereof, and a material supply connected to said spreader assembly to deliver material thereto.
- 10. (previously presented) A reamer assembly according to claim 9 wherein said spreader assembly includes a plate rotatable relative to said reamer head to dispense said liner material.
- 11. (previously presented) A reamer assembly according to claim 10 including a motor for rotating said plate.
- 12. (original) A reamer assembly according to claim 11 wherein said motor is fluid driven.
- 13. (original) A reamer assembly according to claim 10 including a material reservoir and supply pipes extending from said reservoir to deliver material to said plate.
- 14. (original) A reamer assembly according to claim 13 including a pair of reservoirs, each having respective supply pipes.
- 15. (previously presented) A drill rod comprising an outer casing, a connection at opposite ends of said rod to permit a plurality of said drill rod to be connected in seriatim to form a drill string; and a liner located within said casing, said liner having a plurality of concentric walls defining a series of fluid passageways between successive ones of said walls to convey fluid axially within said rod between said opposite ends.
- 16. (previously presented) A drill rod according to claim 15 wherein said walls are supported at axially spaced intervals within said casing.

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- 17. (original) A drill rod according to claim 16 wherein said liner is supported radially and axially within said casing.
- 18. (previously presented) A method of drilling and lining a raise bore hole comprising the steps of:
  - (a) boring a pilot hole with a pilot bit secured to a drill string;
  - (b) replacing said pilot bit with a reamer assembly including a spreader assembly to distribute lining material;
  - (c) reaming said pilot hole for a specified distance to create a bore hole by moving said reamer assembly axially in a first direction whilst rotating said drill string;
  - (d) moving said reamer assembly in an opposite axial direction to said first direction; and
  - (e) applying a liner material to the wall of said bore hole using said spreader assembly whilst moving said reamer assembly axially in said first direction.
- 19. (original) The method of claim 18 including repeating steps (c), (d), and (e) until the desired length of bore hole has been created.
- 20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 including the step of supplying said liner material through a duct within said drill string.
- 21. (original) The method of claim 20 including the step of flushing said duct between repetitions of steps (c), (d), and (e).
- 22. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said drill string includes a plurality of drill rods connected in seriatim, and wherein each of said plurality of drill rods includes an outer casing and a liner located within said casing, said liner having a plurality of concentric walls defining a series of fluid passageways between successive ones of said walls to convey fluid axially within said rod between opposite ends.